



ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Palm Desert, California

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The Holy Eucharist

The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2020 – 7:30 a.m. & Pre-recorded

Welcome to this first service of Holy Eucharist
we share together since we began worshiping remotely in March.
Your presence today is celebrated as we share in the remembrance of All Saints,
past and present.

Please note that all musical selections listed here are for the pre-recorded service only.
Thank you for helping us to remain safe by following safety protocols, especially by wearing a
mask and maintaining adequate distance from those not in your household.
If you should be diagnosed with COVID19 in the days that follow this service, please contact
the parish office at (760) 346-2697 so that we can alert others of possible exposure.

Prelude Solemn Melody
Fred Swann, Organist

Sir Walford Davies

Opening Hymn 287 vv. 1, 2, 8 For all the saints

Sine Nomine

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *Spoken by all in unison.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson A reading from the Revelation to John (7:9-17)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson A Reading from the First Letter of John (3:1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 286 Who are these like stars appearing

Zeuch mich

Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand?
Whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Savior's honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.

The Holy Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Deborah Seles

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Reply **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please remain at your seat and greet others from afar.

Offertory Anthem Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

*Ave, ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Jesus, Lamb of God, Redeemer, Born the Virgin Mary's Son,
Who upon the Cross a victim hast man's salvation won,
From whose side, which man had pierced,
Flow'd the water and the Blood, By thy sacred Body broken
Be in life and death, our food.

Welcome & Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130 *sung by all*

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under

your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please remain at your seat as the host is distributed by the priests.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing of the People

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Fugue / Finale on Hymn 623 (O quanta qualia)

Clarence Dickinson

***We ask that you depart immediately following the service
so that we may have time
to disinfect the chairs for the next service.***

Today's Worship Ministers

The Rev. Andrew Butler, *Presider*
The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Preacher*
John Wright, *Organist and Director of Music*
Fred Swann, *Organist*
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Music Associate, and cantor*
Bill LaVoie, *Verger*
Leo Stopa, Dick Jensen, *Lectors*
Duke Gregory, Bob Kimball, *Ushers*
Ginger Bonnar, Debby Jansma, Wilma Marchant, *Greeters*

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Readings for Next Sunday, 11/8/20

Psalm 78:1-7

The First Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

For a direct link to the readings for next week, click [here](#)

Congratulations to Baptismal Candidates and Their Family!

This week we pray for those being baptized at our 9:30 a.m. Service. Ever-loving God, Father of our Brother Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, grant that Cassandra and Alexander may be strengthened with might by your Holy Spirit, that, with Christ dwelling in their hearts, they may be filled with all the fullness of God.



Stewardship 2020/21

Thank you to all who made Pledges for 2021. The Vestry is beginning budget planning so pledging soon is important. Remember to make a Special Gift above your Pledge, which will be doubled by our Matching Fund. You can pay your Special Gift anytime in 2021. Now you can access pledging and Special Gifts online by clicking [here](#).

Chris and Sue, Co-Chairs Stewardship



Sunday Eucharist on the Labyrinth!

We are continuing in-person worship on the labyrinth. **All attendees must reserve their seats by clicking on the links below.** If you have trouble with the online ticketing contact Debby Jansma at debbyj@stmargarets.org. If you reserve and then find you cannot attend please let Debby know so someone else can attend. Seating for services is limited to 50 people and once these services are fully subscribed we will

add additional services in the future. Please make your reservation and familiarize yourself with the safety protocols at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-eucharist-on-the-labyrinth-tickets-125545005491>

How a Christian Prepares for an Election

The church should not be partisan. The church IS political (as she helps her members do our work in God's work of bringing about Beloved Community). To that end, the Episcopal Church has created the following "Voting Faithfully" guide about how to **pray our values** and how to organize to make sure everyone who is able, votes. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says:

"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls.

"Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote."

The Guide provides links to these:

Action Steps: ✓ Register ✓ Mobilize ✓ Communicate ✓ Advocate

Worship: ✓ Quotes ✓ Music ✓ Prayers

https://episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_vote_faithfully_2020_election_toolkit.pdf



Where to Vote on November 3rd

Please note that this year, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is **NOT** a location for voting or dropping off ballots. To find your closest location, please go to

<https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/>



The Meditation Lab - Coming up in November!

Thursdays, November 5, 12 & 19 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

This series will incorporate a short pre-meditation presentation on the range of pandemic-related changes in the brain, mood and memory along with simple ways we can continue to build our resilience. All are welcome to join. Zoom meeting link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95226772747?pwd=MDFUUDNXZ2xJcy93dytwZWlVM0dkUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 2677 2747

Passcode: 220699

Kathleen Dale, LMFT

Director of the Counseling Center - (760) 861-5545

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. - Richard Rohr

Additional On-Line Worship Opportunities for November

Join us weekly on our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/St.MargaretsEpiscopalChurch>) for Morning or Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and Compline on Sunday evenings.

November 1 - Compline - will be shared with the Diocese as part of the Diocesan Novena

November 3 - Morning Prayer for Election Day

November 3 - Evening Prayer for Election Day

November 3 - Compline for Election Day

November 4 - Morning Prayer

November 8 - Compline

November 11 - Evening Prayer

November 15 - Compline

November 18 - Morning Prayer

November 22 - Compline

November 25 - Evening Prayer

November 29 - Compline

Children's (and the Young-At-Heart!) Worship Resources

We have begun an additional offering for the young and the young-at-heart. Check out the youth or children's worship section on our website for a variety of fun, educational stories and activities designed to help our children to learn about God and our Episcopal faith.

Contact: Chet Hecht at 760-346-2697 or cheth@stmargarets.org for more information.



Noonday Prayer Service - via Zoom

We are currently offering a Noonday Prayer Service via Zoom at noon. The service will be offered Monday through Friday until November 6th.

The Noonday Prayer Service is in the BCP: <https://www.bcponline.org>. Following the very short service, people can pray with the leader or offer their own prayers.

The link to the daily Zoom call is [here](#). We pray at this time for this upcoming election, our country, peace and understanding among all people, and kindness and compassion for all.

If you have any questions, please call Robin Nugent at (513) 673-9568 or email: RPNenninger@gmail.com



Neighbors-4-Neighbors (N4N)

The N4N program assists our neighbors in need with food, clothing and other basic life necessities. Before COVID-19, we were helping approximately 400 families per week. Then, overnight, we needed to reinvent how to continue to help in a safe manner. The first few weeks we were assisting over 800 families each week, and doing so with strict procedures in place for masks and safe distancing. Currently, we are assisting over 600 families (2500 people) each week.

To our partners, the USDA, and the FIND Foodbank, and an amazing team of volunteers who are working tirelessly to keep this ministry thriving, and all those who have supported us financially and spiritually, thank you! Thanks to you all, we are continuing to be God's hands here in this community.

How You Can Help

- Donate- A special offering designated to Neighbors-4-Neighbors will help us continue to help others in need. You can send your generous gift by mail, with N4N in the memo line, or by using the "Donate Now" button on the SMEC website at stmargarets.org. Food and clothing donations can be dropped off Mondays from 10 a.m - 2 p.m.
- Volunteer- Volunteers are the lifeblood of this program, and we are constantly needing new volunteers to share the load. We follow strict guidelines for health and safety.
- Pray- We can never have enough prayers... for health, for safety, for bountiful food donations, and plenty of volunteers.

Schedule

Mondays: - 10:30am-1:30pm – Food Bag Packing
- 10:30am-1:30pm- Clothing Distribution Prep (Beginning October 19, 2020)
Tuesdays: - 8am-12pm- Food Bag Packing, client registration
- 9:30am-5pm- Food Distribution
Thursdays (Beginning October 22, 2020):
- 8:30-10am Clothing Distribution Set Up
- 10am-1pm Clothing Distribution (Outdoors on the Meyers patio)

Contact: Chet Hecht, Outreach Director- 760-346-2697 x102 or cheth@stmargarets.org.